



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



Bishop Robert and all  
at St Patrick's Cathedral  
pray that you may have a  
Joy and Faith filled  
NEW YEAR!



## Are you the fourth wise "man"?

There is a story that goes with the feast of the Epiphany. It tells of a fourth wise man that was to travel with the three we hear of in today's gospel. His name was Artaban. He too saw the star and decided to follow it, taking with him a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl as gifts for the new King. Time was short. His three friends, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar were waiting for him at an agreed spot. However, on the way Artaban came across a traveller lying by the roadside stricken with fever. Though he knew that if he delayed to help the man he would miss his friends, nevertheless, he stopped and brought the man to an inn and had him taken care of. When he finally got to the agreed spot he found that his friends had indeed departed without him. So now he was on his own. He needed a camel and supplies to get him across the desert. Reluctantly he had to sell the sapphire to buy them. When at last he reached Bethlehem, once again he was too late. Joseph and Mary had taken the baby and fled into Egypt to escape from Herod's killers. Artaban was staying at a house where there was a year old boy. The mother feared for the life of her child. One evening soldiers came to the door. Artaban went out to meet them. With the ruby he bribed the captain not to enter. The captain took the ruby and left the child untouched. The mother was overjoyed. Artaban, however, was sad because he had only the pearl left as a gift for the King. During the long years that followed he searched in many places for the King, but all in vain. He always seemed to be too late. Some thirty years later he came to the holy city of Jerusalem. He was now old and weary and dispirited. A number of crucifixions were taking place the day he arrived. Artaban heard to his great surprise that Jesus was among those who were being executed. He hurried towards the hill of execution. Perhaps with the pearl he could save his life. However, as he was on his way to Calvary he met a girl who was fleeing from a band of soldiers. The girl hurriedly told him her story. Her father had incurred large debts. As a result she was being sold into slavery. Artaban hesitated, but only for a moment. He took out his pearl, gave it to the soldiers, and the girl was allowed to go free. But now he had to face his Christ empty handed. Just then the sky began to turn dark. An earthquake shook the ground under his feet. Houses began to rock. Roof tiles began to fly. One of them struck Artaban on the head. Mortally wounded he struggled onwards. But he died before reaching the hill of execution.

He never quite succeeded in catching up with his King.

***Yet, in a sense Artaban always had his King.  
Ever since he saw the star had he not carried him with  
him in his heart?***

***The King had inspired in him deeds of  
love and generosity,  
and had lit up all his journeys with meaning and hope!***

***They say that the person who is genuinely searching  
for God has already found God.  
In that sense Artaban certainly had found his God.***

*God Bless your week, Father Michael*



✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Pat Boodle, Jim Miller, and those who have died from Covid-19. May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Fr. Thomas Concannon [1948], Fr. William Hall [1995], Fr. William Behm [2006].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially;** Fr Raymond Sweeney, Angelina Santa Lucia, Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Madeline Gray, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering from Covid-19.

**RECONCILIATION** – 1<sup>st</sup> Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION DURING JANUARY.**

**St Pat's** are looking for someone to spray the church, as it is a legal requirement, after 6pm, 7am and 9am Masses each weekend, on alternate months starting in 2022. Remuneration of \$100 per week. Would suit school or uni students. Training and PPE will be provided. Enquiries: [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 4637 1500.

**Information Package** for the **2022 Sacramental Program** is now available, please contact the Parish Office; [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) or 4637 1500, we are happy to email the information package.

*I take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to all who have given of themselves over this Christmas time, whether that be a ministry for Masses, cleaning of the church or other task that has contributed to the beauty and effectiveness of both our spoken word and environment in which we celebrate. Thank you so very much and may God bless you over this Christmas and New Year time with much joy and happiness. God Bless, Father Michael and all at St. Pat's.*



*Let us continue to pray for the Spirit moving within the course of the Plenary Council recommendations for our local church and the Synod of Bishops delving deeply into synodality within the Universal church. May God guide each of us into the beauty of a New Year. God Bless, Fr. Michael.*

<b>Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b> <i>Feast of the Epiphany</i>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass <b>9am Live Streaming SPC</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b> <i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	<b>New Year's Day Holiday – Office Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	<b>6.30am Rosary SPC</b>
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>No Adoration during January</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	7am Mass at SPC 6pm Mass at SPC	Reconciliation 8.00am – 9.00am
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> <i>Baptism of Jesus</i>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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